



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 6

Meeting Date: March 7, 2007
Meeting Location: Teleconference

Council Members Present: At Miami County: Chair Glynn Hipp, DCS Regional Manager; Chris Ackerman, Fulton DCS Director; Marilyn Robinson, Howard DCS Director; Cassie Bault, Miami DCS Supervisor; Judge Rosemary Burke, Miami County; Judge Lynn Murray, Howard County

At Cass County: Anita Closson, Cass DCS Director

At Wabash County: Judge Robert McCallen

Council Members Absent: Ruby Troglen, Fulton Foster Parent; Barbara Hendrickson, GAL; and Ramona Mahoney, Fulton County FCM

Others In Attendance: Jim Shivley, IV B Coordinator, at his office; Kim Kellar, Community Partners for Child Safety, at Cass County office; Judge Leo Burns, Cass County; Judge Douglas Morton, Fulton County; Tracey Riggle, White's Family Services; Fay Russell, Miami DCS Director; and Margery Justice, Wabash DCS Director, at Miami County.

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Meeting Called to Order at: 4:00 PM by Chair Glynn Hipp

1. The Regional Service Council voted on an addendum for the IV-B contract with Building Blocks in Education. This request is for Building Blocks to provide individual and family counseling services that will include group therapy to clients referred under the IV-B contract. The Addendum will include all of the counties in Region 6, but will not increase the total allocation of dollars. The Addendum was approved by the Council.
2. Rollover requests for 30090 funds have been approved for Howard, Fulton, and Wabash County for 2007. The \$50,000 in additional dollars has been approved by DCS Central and we will receive instructions on how to access. Everyone has done a great job in making this a reality. The bulk of the money will go to Community Partners, with some going to preventative services such as a program on internet predators and printing of educational pamphlets. A question was posed regarding rollover of monies allocated to

- Community Partners if it is not all spent. Although this is unlikely, Jim Shively will approach Celia Leaird regarding which dollars to spend first.
3. Kim Kellar informed that her new administrative assistant, Lucy, is now working Monday thru Friday from 9 to 3. Community Partners is off to a good start – they have 45 referrals, and 14 of those are active clients. The breakdown of active clients by county is: 3 – Cass, 3 – Miami, 5 – Howard, 2 – Fulton, and 1 – Wabash. The main barrier to move from referral to active client has been the client’s failure to respond to phone messages and mailings. Kim asked that we make sure a client is informed so they are expecting the contact by Community Partners. They have received referrals from all counties. So far, we have the most active clients and referrals than other Regions working with Community Partners. Jim Shively pointed out that although the numbers are good, the numbers are still not close to what we previously served thru Voluntary Service cases. When a referral is filled out, Kim is required to have three points of contacts. The first is a phone call, the second is a letter, and the third is when she visits the house. If they are not home, she leaves a business card. Regarding the schools, most have been contacted. There are a few left in Fulton and Howard County that Kim wants to contact. Most of the referral “kinks” have been worked out and/or dealt with. Kim has updated the referral form and will e-mail these updated forms to everyone.
 4. Kim still needs people for the Steering Committee. She would like to have one if not two members from each county. The meetings occur the first Monday of the odd months at 3:30 at the Miami County DCS office. She will e-mail everyone information on the Steering Committee. If you know of anyone that would be willing to join, please let her know.
 5. Glynn reminded everyone that this is the last month DCS can open voluntary service cases. Glynn also informed that he is temporarily also the regional manager for Region 3.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Rentschler, Recorder